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# The Voice

## Algona High School Kent Memorial

Katelyn Seely

On Saturday, April 3, 2010, there was an event held at the Kossuth County Fairgrounds. It's called the IJBBA Show and a bunch of kids came to show their cattle. Types of cattle at this event were Breeding Heifers, Market Heifers, Market Steers, and Breeding Steers. The cattle came from all over to be shown at this special event.

The Algona FFA students helped work the concession stands. They sold single and double burgers, all beef hotdogs, chips, candy, coffee, pop, cocoa, donuts, and water. The Kossuth Cattlemen grilled the hotdogs and beef. Workers from the Algona FFA Chapter were: Karl Nicolaus,

## Movie madness

Sara Ann Smith

*The Bounty Hunter* was written by Sarah Thorp. It was released on March 19, 2010. The main characters are Jennifer Aniston, who plays Nicole Hurley, a reporter who is out on bail and skips court. Gerard Butler, who plays Milo Boyd, is a bounty hunter who is also Nicole Hurley's (Jennifer Aniston) ex husband.

The plot of the movie is a woman who is obsessed

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Nolyn Elliott

Kevin Laubenthal, Lee Wegener, Nathan Skallerup, and student teacher Miss B.

The cattle were walked into the arena by the kids and were judged by a certified judge. The cattle all looked pretty and are worked on for years to become shown. There were 15 youth in Kossuth County who showed at the memorial. Jessica Marty got Champion Market Heifer and Champion and Reserve Champion Market Animal. Danielle Holmes got Champion in Breeding Heifer. Mallory Bormann got Reserve Champion in Breeding Heifer and Market Heifer.

with her job as a reporter and will do anything to get her story. She has a traffic violation and gets out on bail. Because she is too busy working on a story for her job, she misses her court date and becomes her ex-husband, Milo's, victim. While Milo tries to get Nicole to jail, they discover that they both have people after them because of Milo's debt and Nicole's nosiness in the

Fran McCaffery was announced as Iowa's new basketball head coach on Monday. McCaffery does not have a contract but will be offered a 6 year deal with a guarantee of 1.1 million dollars.

Before McCaffery came to Iowa he coached at Siena where he took them for two seasons and 27 wins. Siena also went to the NCAA tournament 3 years in a row. In 2008 they beat Vanderbilt 83-62. In 2009 they beat Ohio State 74-72, and this season they were eliminated by a

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very good Purdue team 72-64.

Ronnie Lester of the UI All-American and Assistant General Manager of the Los Angeles Lakers says, "I think Iowa made an outstanding choice. In the Siena games I've watched, they were well coached and very well organized." McCaffery will be Iowa's 22nd head coach

story that she is reporting on.

It is very funny, somewhat romantic, and has action filled parts also. Whatever kind of movie you are in the mood for, this movie will fulfill your craving. Kelsie Varvel says that it was a great movie to watch and a bonus that Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler are both very hot.

# Obamacare; what it really is

## Clash of the Titans

Triston Dacken

Recently, Congress, with great pushing and encouragement from President Obama, passed a Health Care Bill for the country. What does this mean for the people of the United States of America?

First of all, let me explain what the health care bill actually is. Obama's health care bill is an attempt by the government to be more like Canada and Great Britain in the way we handle our health care. They wanted everyone in the country to have health insurance, no matter what the cost is to the people. So they decided that they would start a government program that provides insurance. This way all the insurance in the country is super cheap, and everyone can afford it. While this sounds like a good idea, is it really?

This bill makes it mandatory for all employers to pay health benefits for workers. If they don't, their taxes will be raised dramatically. Businesses will struggle under rising costs, leading to less people being hired. In a time of bad economic stability as it is, this will be detrimental. The federal government will set up a body to run everyone's healthcare. Because resources will be limited, health care will be severely rationed.

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officials will make your health decisions for you, deciding if you need care or not. To make things worse, because it will be so heavily taxpayer subsidized, most private insurance providers will be priced out of the market. Soon they will all be gone, and all will be forced to join the government system, whether you like it or not. Individual coverage will be forced upon everyone, and if you reject it, you will be hit with even more taxes.

Also, not only are your high amounts of tax dollars paying for other citizens' insurance, you pay for the insurance of ALL non-US citizens, legal or illegal. This means that illegal immigrants who come into the country will be able to get health care thanks to a government program funded by you.

The approximate cost to the American taxpayers will be over 1 trillion dollars. You will have worse health care, at higher costs. While the best intentions are surely there, of course everyone should have the opportunity to be healthy, this is simply not the way to do it.

Hannah Kadow

*Clash of the Titans* was released on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. Louis Leterrier directs the movie. The writers are Travis Beacham and Phil Hay. Sam Worthington plays Perseus, Liam Neeson plays Zeus, and Ralph Fiennes plays Hades.

This movie is set in the Greek city of Argos, where a war is about to break out between man and the gods. Perseus was raised as a fisherman but is also a demigod, which means he is half god, half human. Perseus is the son of Zeus, who is about to take on the gods

after the death of his family. Zeus' brother Hades was the one who killed Perseus' family, so he wants to kill him. It is Perseus' destiny to rescue the city of Argos from the rage of Hades and his Kraken monster. Perseus has nothing to lose, so he leads a band of soldiers on a quest to defeat the Kraken.

Will Perseus prevent Hades from overthrowing Zeus and in turn destroy mankind? This movie gets three out of five stars.

## iPad?

Cody King

On Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the iPad was released. Apple says to have sold 300,000-700,000 over the weekend. It looks like a giant version of the iPhone/iTouch. It is very plain and basic and only has the home button and volume on the side, like the iTouch. The bulk of its surface is taken up by a 9.7-inch LED touch screen. It weighs 1.5 pounds, which is a little heavy, but it still feels comfortable in your hands. It has a thickness of half an inch. You can purchase the device in capacities of 16GB, 32GB, or 64GB. The price right now is \$499.

You navigate it the same as you would the iTouch. If you have one of

these, you can work the iPad perfectly. It is just a larger version, but more like a computer than a music player. It comes with Safari for browsing the internet, iBooks for reading, Calender and Contacts, Mail, iTunes, Youtube, and not to mention the thousands of games and applications that you can download from the app store. Travis Stone says, "I wish I had one."

# Sports

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## Algona High School Tee off

Megan Simonson

There are 19 girls out for golf this season! There are five seniors, five juniors, five sophomores, and four freshmen. The girls' golf team will start off their season Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at Estherville-Lincoln Central. The meet will start at 4:30 p.m. and 12 girls will travel, 6 on varsity and 6 on JV. Coach Bjstrom says, "I'm excited for competition to start, let the games begin!"

The team has been practicing at River Road

Golf Course. During practice the girls have been working on their putting, chipping, pitching, and many other things. Dawn has been helping the girls by working on their swings to make them have the best shot they can.

Last year the girls had a record of 2 and 7 and they are hoping to improve this year.

## Boys' track first at home meet

Audrey Schuttler

On April 1, 2010, the first home track meet was held. The boys finished first in the meet out of three other teams.

First place finishes in running events from the night include Derek Beaumier in the 3200-meter run, Dustin Rasmus in the 100-meter dash, the 4x200 meter relay team, Ryan McMahon in the 1600-meter run, Johnny Aboud in the 400 meter hurdles, and the 4x400 team. Collin Fett threw the discus for first place and Austin Zadow got first in long jump. The winning 4x200 relay team consisted of Austin Zadow, Dustin Rasmus, Collin Fett, and Noah Hollinger. Collin Fett, Travis Lenz, Alex Larson, and Ryan McMahon were the members of the 4x400 relay team.

The boys ran in the Umstead Relays at Eagle Grove on April 6, 2010. The track team finished first

again in the meet out of eight teams. They finished with 155 points and the second place team had 118 points.

There were a number of personal bests during the meet. Alex Kenne ran his best with a time of 10:21 in the 3200-meter run. He got second in the race. Blake Mills threw 119 feet and 10 inches in the discus for his personal best. Josh Hollinger ran his best in the 800-meter run in a time of 2:14. In the high jump, Sam Curtis jumped his highest at five feet and six inches. Austin Zadow also got a personal best in the long jump, jumping 20 feet and seven inches. Zadow got first in the long jump event. The final personal best on the night was Derek Beaumier in the 1600-meter run. He ran the mile in 4:53.

The next track meet for the boys' track team will be at Humboldt on Friday, April 9.

## Ready, set, go!

Allison Kajewski

The girls' track season has been underway for quite some time now. On Thursday, April 1, they competed in the Early Bird Relays at Algonia High School. They competed very competitively, even though they were missing about 20 girls on the choir trip.

Events that placed first were: the shuttle hurdle relay team composed of Tayler Cink, Taylor Schealler, JoHanna Degen, and Ashley Norland, with a time of 1:16.1, the distance medley also crossed first in 4:44. They consisted of Amber Hentges, Allison Kajewski, Tayler Cink, and Paige Yi. Jenna Reding, Leah Hamilton, Amber Hentges, and Amber Lenz got the 4X200 across in 2:00.04 for another first place finish. The sprint medley won with a time of 2:03.9, and it was made up of Megan Gerhardt, Ashley Norland, Allison Kajewski, and Sarah Bierle.

Amber Lenz, Jenna Reding, Amber Hentges, and Allison Kajewski made up the 4X100 quartet, running a time of 55.97 to bring home the gold. Katie Green won the 800 in a time of 2:46.4, Connor Barber won the 400 hurdles in 75.77, and Allana Lauck won the 1500 with a time of 5:56. Mackenzie Siefken won both the shot put and discus. In the shot, she heaved a whopping 37'7" and threw the disc 113'11". Connor Barber won high jump with a leap of 4'8".

Second place finishes went to the 4X800 and 4X400. Individual events that got second were: Stella Arndorfer in the 3000 and 800, Emillie Kenne in the open 400, JoHanna Degen in the 100 hurdles, Paige Yi in the 200, Taylor Schealler in the 400 hurdles, and Kyle Klepper in the 1500. Paige Yi got second in the long jump with a jump of 15'8". They also had third place finishes

in the 3000, 100, 200, and discus.

The girls traveled to Clear Lake on Tuesday, April 6, for the Lion Relays. When they arrived in Clear Lake, not much later, it started pouring and the girls were sent home. The make up date became Thursday, April 8. Amber Hentges says, "It's going to be a good season!"





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# All about broadcasting

Natalie Hackbarth

As school winds down, registering for new classes has begun. Mr. Nelson is encouraging students to get involved in the broadcasting department. Students involved in the courses spend a majority of their class periods in the studio, doing hands-on activities relating to TV and newscasts.

Some of the activities involve conducting interviews, creating commercials, creating highlight tapes, producing the AHS News Show, and

working on projects that interest you. The class is laid-back and easy-going but also provides crucial deadlines, preparing students for the working world.

TV Production I, TV Production II, and Broadcast Practicum are all classes offered to the juniors and seniors at AHS. The classes run through Iowa Lakes Community College and offer valuable college credits. About 15 students are admitted into the class, providing each student with plenty of time and opportunities to learn.

# All-State Speech

Jeni Zeller

The All-State individual speech contest was held at UNI on Monday February 29<sup>th</sup>. Four seniors were nominated. Judges nominate individuals at the State individual speech contest. These students must have an average of one in their performances at State.

David Baxter was the only student from AHS to get a double nomination. He was nominated in Improv and Musical Theatre. Heidi Behnkendorf was nominated for Musical Theatre, Clint McGuire for Acting, and Rob Bauer in Improv. Only 6% of the performances at State moved on to All-State,

so these four seniors were really excited to be part of the few chosen. Rob Bauer said, "It was a great experience and I'm glad I got to go with three amazing people."

All-State begins with an opening ceremony in the morning and it is a festival of performances. Performers are given the chance to perform in front of a large crowd. Judges give critiques and awards, but no ratings are given out since all of these performers are considered the "best of the best." David Baxter said, "It was fun to go out with a bang."

# MMM MMM Good

Kyle Walker

The twentieth annual Friends of the Algona FFA Banquet was held on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, in the AHS commons. The evening was started off with the 2010 Conduct of Meeting team conducting the opening ceremonies and then handing the banquet over to president Ean Weber and his 2009-2010 officer team.

There were over 200 members and guests in attendance. They then ate delicious steak prepared by the Kossuth County Cattlemen and the rest of the meal provided by Vickie's Country Catering. Zach Plathe says, "I only came for the delicious food." While they ate there was a year in review picture power point

made by Jessica Kuhlmann. Katelyn Seely said, "I love the food!"

They went through the agenda that was made and ended the meeting by installing the new officers for 2010-2011. President is Karl Nicholas, Vice-president Kevin Laubenthal, Secretary Lee Wegener, Treasurer Nathan Skallerup, Reporter Maddie Gisch, and Sentinel Jacob Kofoot.

After the meeting there was an auction of items donated by businesses throughout the community to raise money for the Algona FFA Alumni Scholarships. The auction raised \$6,040. Jessica Kuhlmann says, "The banquet went well and ran smoothly."

# Choir students home from Denver

Alynnia Freeburg

The Algona choir classes took a trip to Denver, Colorado, on Wednesday, March 31st, and stayed until Saturday, April 3rd. They were all home in time for Easter. 55 students chose to go along with 7 adults.

Most of the students took a 13-hour trip by bus, but a lucky 8 students flew to Denver out of Minneapolis. After they finally arrived, the students went to Jump Street-a place full of trampolines. "Jump Street was definitely my favorite part," said senior Kyle Walker. Unfortunately, Scott Haas broke his leg, putting a damper on all the fun, but after Jump Street

everyone headed to a delicious Italian restaurant. After they ate they went back to the hotel for some rest. In the morning the students toured the U.S. Mint where coins are made and then had a chance to do some shopping. Brad Hoskins said, "I bought a huge pen. It's awesome." After shopping the choir class attended a singing clinic where they sang two songs, took a tour of the Mary Poppins theatre, and ate at Bubba Gump Shrimp.

The students left and arrived home around 3 p.m. on Saturday. Although it was a short trip, all the students had a lot of fun.

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## Getting started

Tessa Thompson

Softball season is coming soon and with a large group of returning letter winners, it should be a great season. This year the girls hope to do even better than they have in past seasons. Nicole A. Person says, "We are going to be really buff this year!"

The girls have been lifting since September and they begin their season on

May 10th this year. They have also already started pitching and batting practices on Saturdays. To prepare for the season, the girls also started pitching and catching in the morning before school. Their first game will be May 24th at Belmond/Kl- emne at 6PM.

The girls are starting strong. Let's hope they keep it up. Good luck girls!

## Wrestlers getting ready for next year

Zach Plathe

Wrestling in the off-season is off with a bang! The spring and summer weightlifting is a four day program working on strength, power, muscular endurance, speed, and agility. Spring wrestling dates are March 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 7:30 and March 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 3:30 pm. In April it is the 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 7:30 and April 18 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Summer wrestling, open mat, is every Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. If you want to come in at any other time, Morgan will work with you.

The team camp information will be out later.

Get ready for some intense wrestling next year with a program like this. Wrestlers will be in their prime and ready to go out and fight for the win. Morgan says, "There is no such thing as a missed opportunity.... somebody is taking advantage of it."

## Driving, wedging, and putting on a roll

Jessica Kuhlmann

Boys' golf is getting busy. The boys are still practicing but are preparing themselves for their first big meet. This year there are 7 seniors, 10 juniors, 10 sophomores, and 6 freshmen out for the team. The boys will start off against ELC at the Country Club in Algona on April 13.

The boys have been watching videos on all of the rules this week and on Friday, April 9, they will be qualifying for a position on varsity at the Algona Coun-

try Club. Coach Ford says, "I am very excited for this season. We have great potential and we are going to try to finish in the top two in the Conference and make our way to State!"

Last year the boys got 3rd in the North Central Conference, 2nd at Sectionals, and 3rd at Districts.

## Duke vs. Butler

Jenn Steven

April 5th, in Indianapolis, was the exciting end to the NCAA basketball tournament with a game that had the number one ranked team, the Duke Devils, against the number five ranked team, the Butler Bulldogs. It was a very close game and it stayed that way till the final buzzer. It was a fight to the finish for both teams Monday night.

This game was very tight. Both teams put forth as much effort as they could. The Bulldogs almost came through with the win when Gordon Hayward's half court, 3-point shot almost

went in at the final buzzer. The Blue Devils walked away with a win thanks to their amazing defense and keeping Butler behind. Even though through the whole game the score was close, Duke managed to pull out a great victory.

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## New York, New York Only a month left seniors!

Travis Stone

This year the AHS prom theme is New York, New York. There was a sign up in homerooms on Friday, March 26th. On March 29th, Grand March tickets went on sale. From Monday, April 12th through Thursday, April 15th, students and parents will decorate the gym and commons.

Prom will be on Saturday, April 17th. Pictures start at 3:30 pm. Sign up for pictures is in the library. At 8:00pm Grand March will take place. 9:00pm is the dance. And last but not least, after prom will start at 12:45. Triston Dacken said, "Hope-

fully the songs during the Grand March are better than last year."

Tickets are in and on sale for \$2.00 from Angie in the library or Kelly in the commons. Because of the construction, the students are required to enter through the south commons doors and their vehicles will be valet parked for them.

Some of the games for after prom will be the human wrecking ball, inflatable obstacle course, sumo wrestling, minnow races, and they will be having a food court and awesome prizes.

Molly Cook

With only about a month left of school, seniors still have many things to accomplish before they can graduate. They have scholarships, semester tests, and graduation parties to worry about.

One upcoming due date is the AHS local scholarships. The packet is due April 9<sup>th</sup>. Included needs to be two references, a biography, FAFSA information, and the included form filled out. Other scholarships have various due dates so be sure you have those in on time. Students also need to be preparing for their semester tests and getting all their make-up homework done. When asked about semester tests, Natalie Hackbarth said, "I only have two semester tests. Oh the joy of being a senior at Algona High School! Preparing for the semester tests is really a tear jerker because these will be my last tests in high

school ever."

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, is the Senior Award Recognition night starting at 6:30. May 13<sup>th</sup> is the seniors' last day of school, and May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 is the Commencement Ceremony. The seniors will have rehearsal for graduation on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

With all the stress of school activities, students also need to leave time for planning their graduation parties and attending their classmates' parties. Besides all of the Algona High students' parties, there is also a lot of Garrigan students' parties because of the same graduation date this year.

With these upcoming dates, seniors need to be making sure they have all their homework made up, their fines paid, and their scholarships finished to be sure they will graduate worry free.

## Top five in Hollywood

Kelsie Varvel

When relationships crumble for our favorite stars, we feel the pain. Here, we will remember some of the most recent top five break-ups in Hollywood. At number five; New Orleans running back, Reggie Bush and reality star Kim Kardashian ended their three-year relationship. They luckily had no children in the mix. They'll find new people soon enough.

In front of Reggie and Kim, came Usher Raymond and Tameka Foster, officially divorced in 2009. Tameka was Usher's stylist and they had two children.

Usher was very hurt and is still single.

Going haywire at number three comes a TV couple from the hit show *Jon and Kate Plus 8*...Jon and Kate! They became far bigger stars based on the celebrity gossip they got about Jon cheating multiple times and Kate abusing Jon.

At number two comes a recent break-up, based on cheating. Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren. This no-longer couple was married on October of 2004 and had two children together. The divorce is approximately going to cost Ti-

ger \$410 million dollars. Was the cheating worth it?

And topping the charts at number one, also based on cheating, is Michelle "Bombshell" McGee taking a giant blow into actress Sandra Bullock's and

Jesse James' marriage. We still do not know if she is leaving him for good.

Maybe love isn't in the cards for most of our Hollywood stars! And that sums it up for our most memorable, painful celebrity break-ups.